**Fee for registration/import of drugs**

1857. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DCGI office has started collecting fee for the new drug applications and import registration; and

(b) if so, the total amount of money collected till date and how this amount is going to be utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) As per Gazette Notifications No. GSR 900(E) dated 12th December, 2001 and GSR 604(E) dated 24th August 2001 for New Drugs and Import registration respectively, issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, applicants are required to deposit fee under the Head of Account "0210-Medical and Public Health, 04-Public Health-104 Fees and Fines"'. The amounts collected for new Drugs applications and Import registration is about Rs. 9-crores at present. The fee collected is deposited in the Consolidated Fund of Government of India.

**Golden hen**

†1858. SHRI LAJPATRAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists of V.M. Scientific Research Foundation. Bangalore have succeeded in developing a very special species of Hen (Golden Hen), whose eggs could be used in manufacturing anti-venom (snake-bite) medicine; and

(b) if so, Government's view on the research and development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) According to Indian Council of Medical Research, V.M. Scientific Research Foundation Bangalore is reported to have successfully developed Anti-Snake Venom in chicken egg immunizing Leghorn Birds with sub lethal doses each type of snake venom. The research is reported to have reached a fairly advanced stage and the anti snake venom extracted from the eggs is being tested for its purity, efficacy and safety before it could be submitted for clinical trials.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.